

KING COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Facilities and Operations Subcommittee  
September 17, 2004  
Minutes

Members in Attendance

William Beck  
Bob Beckwith  
Mark Hooper  
Ray Schlien  
Max Pope

Others in Attendance

Kevin Kiernan  
Brad Bell  
Neil Fujii

Call to Order

Brad Bell called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Operations Update

Brad Bell gave an Operations update with a brief summary of the past subcommittee meeting where Steve Smith and Nigel White presented the changes and programs taking place in Operations.

Effective April 1, 2004, the new \$10 increase of regional direct fee went into effect. Waste Management, Inc. has shifted all of its regional direct tonnage to the division's facilities. The division has been working closely with WMI since November 2003.

Rabanco has shifted 65 to 75 percent of its regional direct tonnage into the division's transfer system. Initially, this was a strain on the division, but things are now working well. Since April 1<sup>st</sup> incredible effort has been made on the part of operations staff.

The additional tonnage coming into the division's transfer facilities has necessitated the purchase of additional equipment and the hiring of more staff. Temporary employees have been utilized to get overtime under control. Full-time employees will be hired after September 21, 2004. There are 3 laid off operations employees who will be returning.

The division is in the process of purchasing one caterpillar and two trailers this year and an additional five trailers next year. The maintenance group has been doing a great job getting trailers rotated (as far as repair and maintenance).

The division has between 12 to 23 loaded trailers at the parking lot at Cedar Hills overnight. Trailers left at Cedar Hills are hosted to the working face. There are also between four and five trailers at the transfer stations.

Operations staff response to the shift schedule changes has been great. The 4/10 schedule now supports shop on weekends. New welders are on board. Mechanics will be on board next month.

There have been no accidents.

Brad also informed the members of Bob Jones' retirement and Dean Voelker as acting Operations supervisor.

### **Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Kirkland**

Kevin informed the group that in a supplemental budget adopted by council in late August 2004, money for the Houghton project was approved pending satisfaction of a number of provisos that require the division to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Kirkland.

There was an initial meeting with the Public Works Director of the City of Kirkland. The division has asked for clarification on a number of the proviso requirements.

The Provisos states that:

“The appropriation ... may be expended or encumbered only after a memorandum of understanding is executed between the City of Kirkland and King County regarding the impact of this project on commercial truck traffic at the Houghton Transfer Station and providing mitigation for the surrounding neighborhood.

The Memorandum of Understanding shall address but not be limited to the following issues.

- A. Agreement on the number of commercial truck trips;
- B. Agreement on the size and tipping angle of commercial trucks;
- C. Options for changing the station access routes for commercial trucks;
- D. No increase in the number of trailers in parking areas;
- E. Changing the sound barrier from rustic wood to concrete or other material with art designed by local school children;

- F. Enhanced landscaping; and
- G. Initiate discussions to quantify the costs directly attributable to Houghton Transfer Station for potential mitigation as allowed by RCW 36.58.080.”

### **First Northeast Transfer Station Education**

Neil Fujii gave an update on the 1<sup>st</sup> NE Transfer Station renovation project. The design phase is at 60 percent completion – building locations and size have been finalized. The division hopes to advertise for bids by the beginning of next year. Construction is to start in the summer of 2005 and finished by the end of 2006.

LEED goal is to achieve a silver rating which means sustainable building techniques, such as energy conservation will be used. This is the only transfer station project with a goal of achieving a silver rating.

The division is also working to determine the educational component of the project. The division will work with the King County artist, the City of Shoreline and the 1<sup>st</sup> NE Citizens Advisory Committee on this element of the project.

There have been suggestions to target schools to educate them about streams and recycling, but safety and operations will have to be considered.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.